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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (h) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Complete if Known	
Application Number	09/559,206
Filing Date	April 26, 2000
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Group/Art Unit	2172
Examiner Name	To, Baoquoc N.
Attorney Docket Number	OR00-01101

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 for the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of an RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See, *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

### 1. Submission Required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a.  Previously submitted

i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on

iii.  Other:

b.  Enclosed

i.  Amendment/Reply

ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv.  Other:

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### 2. Miscellaneous

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is request under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_ months.  
(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)

b.  Other:

### 3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1003 (Docket No. OR00-01101)

i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

iii.  Other: Please deduct any underpayments and credit any overpayments from Deposit Account Number 50-1003.

b.  Check in the amount of \$ 1,082.00 (\$770. for RCE fee and \$312 for amendment fees, enclosed.

c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed).

### SIGNATURE OF APPLICATION, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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Total Claims	27	MINUS = 24	3	x \$18 =	\$54.00
Independent Claims	6	MINUS = 3	3	x \$86 =	\$258.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$260.00					
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